

Customer No.: 31561  
Docket No.: 12529-US-PA  
Application No.: 10/708,804

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Applicants appreciate the Office Action has allowed claims 1-7 and 9-11.

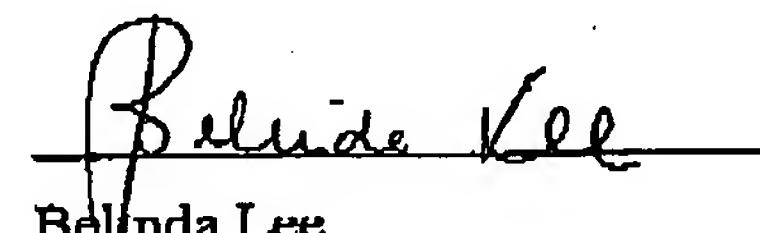
The Office Action rejects claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 57145409 (hereinafter JP'409). Applicants have cancelled claim 8 and amended claim 9 to correct typographic errors. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-7 and 9-11 of the invention patentably define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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